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Smith Awarded a Navy Commendation Medal for Nomination as CNET Shore Sailor of the Year

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Petty Officer 1st Class Elizabeth Smith, a native of Jacksonville, N.C., received the Navy Commendation medal for selection as one of seven Sailors nominated for the Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) Shore Sailor of the Year.

The Sailor of the Year program recognizes the best all-around Sailors in paygrades E-6 and below. The nominees demonstrate sustained superior performance in leadership, technical proficiency, motivation, participation in community affairs, and other noteworthy achievements.

Petty Officer 1st Class Elizabeth Smith, a native of Jacksonville, N.C., joined the Navy in January 1991. A Dental Technician representing Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., she is part of the Administrative Department at Naval Dental Center, Great Lakes. Smith volunteered her time to implement the Canofile project, a new automated administrative computer system. She was also selected as the Command Sealant Watch Bill Coordinator for 36 personnel. When off-duty she volunteers her time to tutor fifth grade students, feed the homeless at First Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, and twice a month delivers hot meals to senior citizens as part of the Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels program. She has been nominated for the Gallery Renken Award for outstanding performance and community service involvement.

For more information regarding the CNET Shore Sailor of the Year, please contact Michele Harrison at the Chief of Naval Education and Training Public Affairs Office at (850) 452-4859/4858.